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SUBJECT: ECE - RELATIONS WITH LDCS

1. SECRETARIAT AND DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING ROLE OF ECE WITH RELATION TO LDCS, OCCASIONED PRIMARILY BY ECOSOC RES 1896 (LVII).

2. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OUTLINED SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES IN REPORT ON FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION (E/ECE/875), PARAS 52 AND 53. THESE INCLUDE: (1) PROJECTS FOR LDC MEMBERS OF ECE REGION; (2) PARTICIPATION BY OTHER REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND EXPERTS FROM OTHER AREAS IN ECE ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST TO THEM; AND (3) POSSIBLE STUDY OF CHANGING ECONOMIC STRUCTURES IN THE REGION AND IN THE WORLD.

3. AT RECENT MEETING WITH HEADS OF MISSIONS OF ECE COUNTRIES, STANOVNIK ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD TAKEN CAUTIOUS APPROACH SINCE HE REALIZES THIS SUBJECT IS SENSITIVE. HE SAID THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD DO MORE TO HELP LDCS BUT THAT BEST FORUM FOR DEALING WITH THOSE MATTERS AFFECTING NON-ECE COUNTRIES IS IN GLOBAL BODIES. HE PERCEIVES
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EAST-WEST COOPERATION AS MOST FRUITFUL CONTRIBUTION

WHICH ECE CAN MAKE FOR BENEFIT OF ALL AREAS.

4. STANOVNIK'S VIEW IS WIDELY SHARED AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES WITH NOTABLE EXCEPTION OF FRANCE. AMBASSADOR FERNAND-LAURENT HAS TAKEN KEEN INTEREST IN THIS QUESTION AND HAS STRONGLY ADVOCATED, IN WESTERN CAUCUS, A MORE FORTHCOMING ECE POSTURE VIS-A-VIS THE DEVELOPING WORLD. INITIALLY, HE SUGGESTED THAT ECE MEMBERS SHOULD MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT WITH RESPECT TO FERTILIZERS, INCLUDING PROVISION TO LDGS IN ADEQUATE QUANTITIES AND REASONABLE PRICES. THIS INITIATIVE HAS BEEN CRITICIZED IN THE WESTERN CAUCUS AND BY EASTERN EUROPEANS WHO HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY THE AMBASSADOR.

5. FERNAND-LAURENT HAS NOW PROPOSED A DRAFT RESOLUTION TO THE WESTERN CAUCUS OF A MORE GENERAL CHARACTER. THE CAUCUS HAS NOT REACTED TO THIS PROPOSAL ALTHOUGH SOME DELS (NETHERLANDS, FRG) HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD NOT OPPOSE. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT EASTERN DELEGATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO RESIST EFFORTS TO BROADEN SCOPE OF ECE BEYOND EAST-WEST COOPERATION.

6. REQUEST VIEWS ON TEXT OF FRENCH DRAFT WHICH FOLLOWS:
RECALLING RESOLUTION I (XXIX).

NOTING RESOLUTIONS 1879 (LVII) AND 1896 (LVII).

NOTING ALSO RESOLUTIONS I, III, IV AND VI OF THE
WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

AWARE OF THE MORE IMPORTANT ROLE WHICH MUST BE PLAYED
BY THE COMMISSION IN THE PROMOTION OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC
COOPERATION AND HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF ALL MEMBER STATES.

ALSO AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS OF
MEMBER STATES WITH OTHER REGIONS OF THE WORLD AS WELL AS
THE NECESSITY TO ASSIST THE ECONOMIC GROWTH WITHIN AND
OUTSIDE THE REGION.

ANXIOUS TO MAKE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOLUTION OF MAJOR
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WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, NOTABLY THE FOOD SHORTAGE, WHICH
AFFECTS MORE PARTICULARLY OTHER REGIONS OF THE WORLD.

REQUESTS MEMBER STATES TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT, AS THEY ARE
CAPABLE, INDIVIDUALLY AND WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF
APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS,
RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, IN
SUCH A WAY AS:

(A) TO AFFORD THE WORLD MARKET NECESSARY QUANTITIES OF GOODS SUCH AS FERTILIZER, PESTICIDES, AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT,

(B) TO REDUCE TO THE MINIMUM WASTE OF BASIC FOOD PRODUCTS AND OF PRODUCTS NECESSARY FOR AGRICULTURE THROUGH RESEARCH FOR NEW SOURCES OF PROTEIN AND OF ENERGY ECONOMIES IN ALL ITS FORMS,

(C) TO INTENSIFY THE OUTPUT OF CULTIVATION AND OF PASTURE, TO PUT INTO CULTIVATION NEW LAND AND TO APPLY APPROPRIATE TECHNIQUES FOR PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF THE SOIL,

(D) TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS WHICH WILL REINFORCE FOOD SECURITY IN THE SHORT AND LONGER TERM.

INVITES COMPETENT PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES, ESPECIALLY THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE, CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, THE SENIOR ADVISERS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE SENIOR ADVISERS ON THE ENVIRONMENT, TO STUDY MEASURES WHICH THEY MIGHT TAKE, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, TO RESPOND TO THESE OBJECTIVES.

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